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also benefited, if they could be given the advantages of a school such as Grimsby has conducted for years and has proved successful.

An effort was made here a few years ago, we believe, to teach navigation, but for some reason it had to be abandoned, not, however, because of lack of attendance.

What a thing it would be for some number of well to do men to annually defray the expense of a couple of competent teachers in navigation and practical seamanship. Think of the practical good it would be doing Gloucester and her greatest industry. Would it not even be a good, paying investment for our fishing firms themselves to pay for these teachers? They know what a "good skipper" means to a firm and to the community. No one knows better than they.

It would not be necessary to hire a building in which to hold the school. We believe the Gloucester Fishermen's Institute would readily open its doors to such an institution. We believe the institute would like to conduct the school itself and pay the bills could it only afford it, in connection with its other good work.

Think it over. Could not some of the money annually sent out of Gloucester to help other far-away ones, be used to pretty good advantage right here to aid or establish this navigation and seamanship school project?

Once started and in good working order, the benefit of such a school would be readily seen in this community and after the good effects were felt, it seems to us that it would be grandly and gladly supported.

Right down in our neighboring town of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, they have one of these schools. Lunenburg is called "the Gloucester of Nova Scotia." She calls the school a good thing. Look at the positions to which men have risen that have been to these schools in England. A captain, who only a few months ago took command of one of the big Cunarders started in as a boy at one of these schools, then as fisherman and fishing captain. We find boys from these schools today lieutenants in the Royal navy; in command of ocean craft, steam and sail, encircling the globe and shaking hands with friends in all the great ports of the world.

Such a school, we believe, would be a good thing here. The position of master and mate of fisherman or coaster, tramp steamer or ocean liner is a grand one. No calling is more honorable. Hundreds of fishermen would take advantage of the opportunities of such a school. Perhaps some, many, of our home young men would also be attracted to it. Do you not think the experiment worth trying, considering that it has proven such a success in other sea ports? Don't you believe it would be a good thing for Gloucester? Talk it up.

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#### Fears for Nova Scotia Schooner.

It is feared that the fishing sch. Vesta, which left Halifax some time ago for the Grand Banks, was lost off the southern coast during a recent storm. Two broken boats, with the name, "Vesta," on them, have drifted ashore.

The Vesta carried a crew of six men, and if the schooner went down, it is thought they would have had little chance to escape.

#### Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1908 are 39,717 barrels against 21,613 barrels to date, of the catch of 1907.

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#### Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cents.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37 1-2, Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

#### Boston.

Sch. Pontias, 11,400 haddock; 1500 cod; 300 hake.

Sch. Flavilla.

Sch. Leo.

Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 800 cod, 700 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Esther Gray, 2400 cod.

Sch. Evelyn D. Thompson, 6000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Galatea, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 18,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 5000 haddock, 200 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Junata, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Little Fannie, 2500 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Seacomet, 9000 haddock, 600 cod, 1200 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1600 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 3000 haddock, 600 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Gertrude, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$3.50; pollock, \$3.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. John F. Vautier, the well known seining skipper of sch. Monarch, who has been fishing on the Maine coast this winter in sch. Mineola, landing fares at Portland, Rockland and Boothbay Harbor, is at home, the latter craft having changed owners and hauled out.

Vessel owners and fish buyers are expecting a big fleet of off shore vessels at T wharf on Monday.

Seventeen shore and one off shore arrivals is the record at T wharf today. Sch. Gertrude from off shore, has been gone three weeks and has 50,000 pounds of fish. A few of the boats have good catches, but the majority have small fares.

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#### PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN DEAD.

#### Sylvester Cunningham Passed Away

#### at Home Saturday Night.

#### Was Connected With Fishing

#### Business and Banking Institutions.

Sylvester Cunningham, one of the most prominent citizens and leading business men of the city, died at his home, 12 Hovey street, Saturday evening after a long and painful illness in the 59th year of his age.

Mr. Cunningham was a native of this city, being the son of Capt. Sylvester and Mary P. Cunningham, and received his early education at the schools in this city and at the Eastman Academy of Poughkeepsie N. Y. His father who was engaged in the fish business with Capt. Solomon Poole under the firm name of Cunningham & Poole and dying before his son had reached his eighteenth year, the latter assumed his father's place in the firm and entered into the conduct of the business with a sagacity and energy, surprising in a young man of his years.

Capt. Poole retiring a few years later and removing to Saccarappa, Me., young Cunningham entered into a partnership with Capt. William Thompson, under the firm name of Cunningham & Thompson the business being still carried on at the old stand on Commercial street under that name, Capt. Thompson having died about seven

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years ago.

Mr. Cunningham, was of one of the most active business men in the city, and besides being in the fish business found time to devote his energies to other commercial branches. He early became identified with banking institutions of the city, serving as president and director of the City National Bank from 1891 to 1901, when he retired from that institution. He was also much interested in the Cape Ann Savings Bank, and was president of that institution for a number of years and up to the time of his death. He was appointed a trustee of the Addison Gilbert Hospital corporation under the will of Mr. Gilbert and served as president of that corporation up to the present time. He was appointed to the board of park commissioners in 1894, by Mayor Cook, and was successively reappointed at the close of each term.

Some years ago, the firm became interested in western real estate, large holdings in Omaha and Salt Lake City, and built the largest hotel in the latter place, the Knutsford House.

#### Despite the Heavy Calls upon his Time

to attend the details of his extensive business in this city and the interests which he controlled elsewhere, Mr. Cunningham found time to cultivate athletics, and was robustly built, of deep chest and powerful frame. He became an active member of the Gloucester Athletic Club when it first started and continued his interest for many years, devoting much time to hand ball, becoming a most clever exponent of the game. When the Boston Athletic Association was formed, he became a member, and served on the board of directors. He did not appear to take much interest in yachting or fast horses, although he liked a good horse as well as any one.

Mr. Cunningham was somewhat reserved in his manner, but at all times he was courteous and genial in his quiet way, and willing to discuss public affairs in which he took a keen interest.

He served as a member of the common council in 1874 and 1875, but from that time he did not appear to have an ambition to serve in the city council, and although his name was several times mentioned as a mayoralty candidate, and the nomination was several times urged upon him, he declined to consider the proposition.

He was an active member of the Gloucester Board of Trade, serving as president from 1892 to 1905, a director of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company and a member of the Fisherman's Institute.

Mr. Cunningham leaves two brothers, William T., of this city and Guy Cunningham Esq., of Boston, and one sister, Mrs. Florence, wife of Joseph O. Procter of this city. Another sister, Mrs. Annie W. Thompson, died some years ago.

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#### Today's Receipts.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Georges 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Yakima, LeHave Bank, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Georges, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Bay of Islands, N. F., 500 bbls. frozen herring, 100 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Ingomar, Bay of Islands, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 100 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Jennie G. Gilbert, Maine coast.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

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Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

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## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Conqueror, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 pollock, 3000 halibut.  
 Sch. Vanessa, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 hake.  
 Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 50,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 halibut.  
 Sch. Robert and Arthur, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
 Sch. Squanto, 45,000 haddock.  
 Sch. Terra Nova, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake, 10,000 cask.  
 Sch. George H. Lube, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.  
 Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.  
 Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
 Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2500 hake.  
 Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.  
 Sch. Margaret, Dillon, 4500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.  
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.  
 Sch. Aspinet, 9000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.  
 Sch. Buema, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

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Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.  
 Sch. Priscilla, 4000 cod.  
 Sch. Louise R. Silva, 24,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.  
 Sch. Nettie, 800 cod.  
 Sch. Nokomis, 500 haddock, 3500 cod, 1500 pollock.  
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
 Steamer Spray, 70,000 haddock.  
 Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.  
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 35,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
 Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 17,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1500 hake.  
 Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$3.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith arrived at Liverpool, Thursday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

## Arrived Today.

Steamer Wm. H. Moody, Boston.

## Home From Bay of Islands.

Chaney Hall, who has been looking after the business interests of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., at Bay of Islands, N. F., the past herring season, arrived home Saturday night. He reports weather conditions there when he left far different than here, snow and ice being everywhere in sight and the thermometer at zero. The bay was frozen solid out as far as Frenchman's Head. On the day before he left for home, Mr. Hall had to walk seven miles to pay off some of the herring fishermen, and the next day, with a pack on his back and his feet encased in three pair of woolen socks and skin boots, he trudged 12 miles across country, through the deep snow, to the railroad station to take the train, then one day late, for Port au Basques. The country was fairly buried in snow and all the way along the railroad from Birchy Cove to Bay of Port au Basque, it was like riding in a subway, the white walls of snow being above the car windows on both sides of the train.

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## MIDWINTER CATCH OF KINGFISH IN FLORIDA.

Fishing off the coast of Florida is better this winter than it has been in several seasons. This picture shows a catch made by Captain Maddox in the yacht Carib at Miami. There are forty fish, the string weighing 1,500 pounds. Some of them were bitten in two by sharks that followed the yacht.

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PASSAGE MAY BE  
BLOCKED  
BY ICE.

SCH. ALICE R. LAWSON  
MAY BE OBLIGED TO  
ABANDON TRIP.

At present writing, but two of the Bay of Islands fleet remain to arrive, sch. Patrician of this port, which is expected in a few days with two-thirds of a load of frozen herring, and sch. Alice R. Lawson, which left here a week ago and in which Capt. Joseph Bonia is trying to secure a hurry-up load of salt herring and get out of the bay before the Gulf ice comes down.

Dispatches received here today makes it look rather doubtful about Capt. Bonia accomplishing his object, and it would also appear that the chances are in favor of his not reaching Bay of Islands, but rather that he may be obliged to give it up and turn back.

It is known that sch. Alice R. Lawson reached Port au Basques, N. F., Friday night and sailed again Saturday, but the report from there yesterday and today is that there is ice everywhere thereabouts, which probably means that the gulf may be blocked up around Cape Ray.

It will be remembered that several seasons ago, the revenue cutter Seminole, after reaching Port au Basques and finding ice in quantities there, got under way, but met a solid wall of ice at Cape Ray and could not get into the gulf and had to abandon the attempt to get to Bay of Islands.

Another dispatch this morning from Heath Point, Anticosti, from where the movements of the gulf ice can be accurately observed, says that nothing can be seen seaward but a plain of heavy ice, moving rapidly southwest, the wind being northwest and the weather very cold. This means that it is making a straight wake for the west Newfoundland coast, and word of the ice barrier off Bay of Islands will probably soon be reported.

## Today's Herring Arrivals.

Sch. Ingomar, fully loaded except the cabin with frozen herring, and sch. Dora A. Lawson, with 500 barrels of frozen stock, are the Bay of Islands, N. F., herring arrivals since last report. Each also has 100 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. Hiram Lowell, a late Saturday arrival, had 500 barrels of frozen herring and 178 barrels of salt herring. Sch. George Campbell, also a late one Saturday, had 300 barrels of frozen herring and 100 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. William Matheson is reported arrived at Bucksport, Me., her home port, with a cargo of salt herring, salt cod etc.

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AGREEMENT FOR HAGUE  
REACHED.  
WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO  
THE  
UNITED STATES  
AND  
ENGLAND.

An agreement has at last been reached between Secretary Root and the British, Canadian and Newfoundland governments through their representatives at Washington on the Newfoundland fisheries question to be submitted to The Hague court for arbitration.

The agreement was reached early yesterday morning at a conference between Ambassador Bryce, representatives of the Canadian and Newfoundland governments and Secretary Root. The result of the negotiations was immediately cabled to the home governments, with a view to formal approval of the questions to be arbitrated. Mr. Root hopes to go before the senate foreign relations committee today and explain its provisions.

The announcement was made at the White House yesterday by Secretary Root, as he was about to call on the president. The secretary, having been elected U. S. senator by the New York legislature, will resign his cabinet portfolio as soon as the treaty is signed.

In regard to the agreement reached, the approval of London and Ottawa is certain, but there is some doubt as to the attitude of Newfoundland. It is understood that Minister Kent of the latter colony assented to some concessions that Premier Bond will not like. Then there is a political crisis on the island, and if the concessions should be unpopular, to the premier's mind, he would probably lose considerable support at a critical time by assenting to them.

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DRIFTED AGAINST OCEAN LINER.  
But Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton Escaped  
Injury Except to Main Boom.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, a little shore fishing schooner, got mixed up with a white Star liner lying at quarantine, in Boston harbor on Thursday. The schooner bound in, drifted against the anchored liner and got jammed under the steamer's quarter for a while, pitching and rolling, but was finally cleared with loss of main gaff and other slight damage. A diver took a peep at one of the liner's propellers as it was feared the pounding of the vessel might have damaged one of the screws.